PRESIDENT: He wants Government to infer directly that, if the estimate for the Sub-Magistrate's court had been for a less amount, it would have been possible to spare the money for the Magistrate's court also.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether there is any difficulty in granting a sum of about Rs. 3,000 under the High Court or under the Land Revenue Department for the construction of the Magistrate's court building ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The objection is that there is no provision in the next year's budget. The Preliminary Budget is before the member, and he can see that there is no provision in it. That is the only objection.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, the answer to the question is paucity of funds. If the funds required for the construction of the Magistrate's court is a smaller sum, may I know whether the Government would see that that smaller sum is provided ?

PRESIDENT: Honourable members must ask questions directly and not by implications nor even hypothetically.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know what is the objection that weighs with the Government in allowing a smaller amount for the construction of the Magistrate's building at Nedumangad ?

PRESIDENT: The same answer goes right through. Paucity of funds.

Fee concession to Ezhavas.

105 * **MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) the number of Ezhava students (boys and girls) who are receiving (1) full fee concession and (2) half fee concession, from English Schools in the State :

(*b*) whether all the Ezhava students in the State were once given half fee concession and, if so, why that concession was stopped ; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that free English education at the cost of Government was once given to all the caste Hindus and that the Ezhavas and other depressed Classes were not allowed such free education ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) (1) Nil.

(2) Boys ... 1,341
Girls ... 495

(*b*) *First Part* ... Yes.
Second Part ... This concession was restricted to 20 per cent. of their number in each Class or Form as a measure of retrenchment.

(*c*) No.

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MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): with reference to answer to part (*a*) (2), may I know from the Government the total number of applications out of which 1,341 were selected?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I presume, Sir, that 1,341 will be 20 per cent of the total number of applications received.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether out of those rejected there are deserving cases that require concession?

MR. C. V CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I cannot say that.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the question of giving fee concession to all deserving cases is engaging the attention of Government?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know why Government adopt community and not the position of individual candidates as the basis for giving fee concession?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*); In the present state of public life, Government have to adopt community as the basis for so many things.

Employees in the Government Mint.

106 ✻ MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of employees in the various grades in the Government Mint; and

(*b*) how many Muslims there are in each grade?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) One.

(*b*) None. One Muslim is acting.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the nature of the one post in the Government Mint?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): There is only one post of a peon, Sir.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): To my question as to how many Muslims there are, the answer is none, and at the same time it is said one Muslim is acting. How can the two statements be reconciled?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): In the permanent establishment there is no Muslim. In the acting establishment, there is one Muslim.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the total number of hands in the permanent establishment?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Only one. Sir.

PRESIDENT: How to divide that communally? (*Laughter*)

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